## **U.S. Government Will Appeal**

On Saturday, January 23, 2010, United States Vice President Joseph Biden announced in Baghdad, Iraq, that the Department of Justice will appeal Judge Ricardo Urbina's criminal court decision dismissing the manslaughter charges against the five Blackwater Worldwide security contractors (defendants Paul Alvin Slough, Nicholas Abram Slatten, Evan Shawn Liberty, Dustin Laurent Heard, and Donald Wayne Ball). A formal notice will be filed with the Court later this week explaining the specific grounds for the appeal, and the Court of Appeals will then set a schedule for the litigants to file their appellate pleadings.

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